

Washington, D.C. - March 30, 2009:

Are you a high school student with a passion for art who lives in Iowa's First Congressional District? Then I invite you to participate in my annual Congressional Art Competition.

"An Artistic Discovery" is a nation-wide art contest conducted by Members of Congress for high school students grades 9 through 12. Students submit original works of art to their Representative's office, and the winning piece from each congressional district will be displayed as part of a year-long national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel, an underground walkway to the United States Capitol from the House office buildings in Washington, DC.

I know there are many gifted young artists in eastern Iowa, and this is an opportunity for their work to be displayed for thousands of Americans to see. Last year, Stephanie Tarnish, a senior from Davenport Central High School, won with her entry "A Sad Goodbye."

Artwork must be submitted to one of my District Offices with the entry form by Wednesday, May 6, 2009. If you choose to mail your entry, it should be sent to my Waterloo office. Below is a listing of all my district offices, should you have questions.

Waterloo: 501 Sycamore Street, Suite 610; Waterloo, Iowa 50703; (319) 287-3233

Davenport: 209 W. 4th St., Suite 104; Davenport, IA 52801; (563) 323-5988

Dubuque: 350 W. 6th St., Suite 222; Dubuque, IA 52001; (563) 557-7789

More information and entry forms are available on my website at <http://braley.house.gov>. I encourage all high school artists in the First District to participate in this exciting contest.

